

New opportunities for U.S. services firms will be opened, U.S. investment will be protected, and U.S. companies will be able to participate in government procurement opportunities on the same basis as Moroccan firms. This Agreement has some of the strongest intellectual property protections ever contained in a U.S. trade agreement with a developing country.

The United States and Morocco have agreed to cooperate on environment and labor issues and to establish mechanisms supporting those efforts. Negotiation of this Agreement has promoted adoption of a new labor law in Morocco. This Agreement has also helped lead to improved domestic environmental laws in Morocco, and a number of additional cooperative projects have been identified for future work.

The approval of this Agreement will be another important step in implementing our plan for a broader Middle East Free Trade Area. Indeed, this Agreement offers the United States an opportunity to encourage economic reform in a moderate Muslim nation, as we have done with the Jordan FTA and the recently concluded Bahrain FTA. Leaders in Morocco support a reformist and tolerant vision that includes free parliamentary elections, the sale of state-owned businesses, the encouragement of foreign investment that can be connected to broad-based development, and better protection of the rights of women and workers. It is strongly in the interests of the United States to embrace these reforms and do what we can to encourage them. Passing this Agreement is a critical step in that direction.

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 15, 2004.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 15. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States by giving the National Institutes of Health contracting flexibility, infrastructure improvements, and expediting the scientific peer review process, and streamlining the Food and Drug Administration approval process of countermeasures.

The message also announced that the House passed the following bills in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3463. An act to amend titles III and IV of the Social Security Act to improve the administration of unemployment taxes and benefits.

H.R. 4418. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2005 and 2006 for the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security, for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, for the United States International Trade Commission, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the Speaker of the House of Representatives has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1167. An act to resolve the boundary conflicts in Barry and Stone Counties in the State of Missouri.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 15. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide protections and countermeasures against chemical, radiological, or nuclear agents that may be used in a terrorist attack against the United States by giving the National Institutes of Health contracting flexibility, infrastructure improvements, and expediting the scientific peer review process, and streamlining the Food and Drug Administration approval process of countermeasures.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the Vice President.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4418. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2005 and 2006 for the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security, for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, for the United States International Trade Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2652. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the medicare program.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8530. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) Regional Grants; Notice of Funds Availability" (FRL#7361-8) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8531. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Siroxamine; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7367-1) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8532. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental

Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acequinocyl; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL#7364-1) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8533. A communication from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to chemical agent destruction operations at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (MCCDF) in Hermiston, Oregon; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8534. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8535. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a transaction involving U.S. exports to Taiwan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8536. A communication from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a transaction involving U.S. exports to Hungary, The Netherlands, Mexico, China, The United Arab Emirates and various other countries; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8537. A communication from the Deputy Secretary, Division of Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Covered Securities Pursuant to Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1933" (RIN3225-AJ03) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8538. A communication from the Legal Counsel, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revised Interim Rule, Community Development Financial Institutions Program" (RIN1505-AA92) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8539. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Penalties" (RIN2105-AD40) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8540. A communication from the Attorney, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dealer Notification of Defect or Noncompliance Determination" (RIN2127-AG27) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8541. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to asphalt; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8542. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Office of the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "George Washington Memorial Parkway Boundary Revision Act"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8543. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Office of the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled the "Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve Boundary"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8544. A communication from the Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Illinois Regulatory Program" (IL-102-FOR) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8545. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission's licensing and regulatory duties; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8546. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adequacy of Indiana Solid Waste Landfill Permit Programs Under RCRA Subtitle D" (FRL#7787-3) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8547. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans Georgia: Approval of Revisions to the State Implementation Plan" (FRL#7788-3) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8548. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to Regulations for Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Sources and Modifications Including Incorporation of Marine Vessel Emissions in Applicability Determinations" (FRL#7788-2) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8549. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Criteria for the Certification and Recertification of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant's Compliance with the Disposal Regulations; Alternative Provisions" (FRL#7787-6) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8550. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Large Municipal Waste Combustors That Are Constructed on or Before September 20, 1994 and Federal Plan Requirements for Large Municipal Waste Combustors Constructed on or Before September 19, 1994" (FRL#7786-8) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8551. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Chromium Emissions from Hard and Decorative Chromium Electroplating and Chromium Anodizing Tanks" (FRL#7786-9) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8552. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8553. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Corporate Distributions of Property" (Rev. Rul. 2004-79) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8554. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Exchange of a Debt Security for a Debt Instrument in a Reorganization" (Rev. Rul. 2004-78) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8555. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Revenue Ruling 73-354" (Rev. Rul. 2004-76) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8556. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offsets Under 6402 and the Community Property Laws of Arizona and Wisconsin" (Rev. Rul. 2004-71) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8557. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offsets Under 6402 and the Community Property Laws of California, Idaho, and Louisiana" (Rev. Rul. 2004-72) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8558. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "United States v. Roland Harry Macher (In re Macher), 91 AFTR2d 2003-2654, 2003-2 USTC 50,537" (AOD 2004-32) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8559. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Offsets Under 6402 and the Community Property Laws of Nevada, New Mexico, and Washington" (Rev. Rul. 2004-73) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8560. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Payment Card Agent Determination" (Rev. Proc. 2004-42) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8561. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Merchant Category Codes to Determine Reportable Payment for Payment Card Transactions" (Rev. Proc. 2004-43) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8562. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Report Concerning the Pre-Filing Agreement Program of the Large and Mid-Size Business Division for Calendar Year 2003" (Ann. 2004-59) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8563. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Ruling: Income from Sources Within the United States" (Rev. Rul. 109393-03) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8564. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting and Backup Withholding for Payment Card Transactions" (RIN1545-BA17) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8565. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the report of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment in France, Belgium, Germany, and the United Kingdom; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8566. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to D.C. Act 14-106, "Closing of Portions of 2nd and N Streets, NE., and Alley System in Square 710, S.O. 00-97, Act of 2001"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8567. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Offices of the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Direct Grant Programs" (RIN1890-AA09) received on July 15, 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8568. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Sentencing Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Report and Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics of the Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with amendments:

S. 2436. A bill to reauthorize the Native American Programs Act of 1974 (Rept. No. 108-306).

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2666. An original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-307).

By Ms. COLLINS, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2249. A bill to amend the Stewart. B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act to provide for emergency food and shelter (Rept. No. 108-308).

By Mrs. HUTCHISON, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 2674. An original bill making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-309).

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S.J. Res. 37. A bill to acknowledge a long history of official deprivations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian Tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States (Rept. No. 108-310).

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BOND, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 2659. A bill to extend the temporary increase in payments under the medicare program for home health services furnished in a rural area; to the Committee on Finance.